

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 15; please replace paragraph 0027 with the following amended paragraph:

[0027]In one alternative embodiment of circuitry 300, activation of keeper circuitry 316 is signaled through a node 322 that is separate from node 318 – similar to circuit 120. In this embodiment, the gate of keeper 316 is coupled to a separate node 322 that provides a sleep mode control signal (SLK) for keeper 316. The sleep mode control signal is independent of, and not concurrent with, the sleep mode control signal applied to node 318 for the wordline driver circuitry.